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Rocktoberfest: Celebrating 60 Years with Bands and Beers

Oct. 7 Festival Celebrates Rockville's Relationship with German City

Rockville hosts breweries, bands and a German-themed bash as Rocktoberfest comes to Rockville Town Center from noon-6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7.

A delegation of 60 guests from Pinneberg, Germany will be there to meet the Rockville community as part of festivities marking 60 years as Rockville's sister city. The free festival will feature a beer hall with beer from Gilly's Craft Beer & Fine Wine, Gordon Biersch, 7 Locks Brewing and World of Beer, two stages of music, food, an artisan area and kids activities.

The Rockville German Band, the Alte Kumpel German Band and the German polka of Mike Surratt and The Continentals will provide a traditional German soundtrack for the festival. Eclectic cover tunes by Vinyl Rhino, the funky pop rock of Driven to Clarity and the pop and dance sounds of 3AM Tokyo will keep the party going.



Artisans will offer jewelry, hand-painted glassware, candles, natural bath and body products, hand-made hair accessories, prints, and German-themed items for sale.

The festival is within walking distance of the Rockville Metro station. Free parking is available throughout Town Center. Paid parking is available in the Rockville Town Square garages for \$5.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rocktoberfest or follow City of Rockville Rocktoberfest on Facebook. ✚

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Celebrate 60 years of Rockville and Pinneberg's sister city relationship.

WHEN: Noon-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7

WHERE: Rockville Town Center. Metro accessible. Parking available.

Partners in Education: Rockville Discusses Priorities with MCPS

Two meetings in October will further the Mayor and Council's priority of fostering a collaborative relationship with county school officials in the interest of Rockville's children.

Members of the Montgomery County school board and county schools Superintendent Jack Smith are scheduled to attend the Mayor and Council meeting on Monday, Oct. 9. Mayor and Council meetings are held at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. Learn more when the meeting agenda is posted at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

The board and superintendent are also scheduled to attend a regular meeting of the Maryland Municipal League's Montgomery County chapter in October.

One of the Mayor and Council's priority initiatives for the current term is to "partner with other jurisdictions to meaningfully engage with Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery County and the state to promote school construction."

During this year's Maryland General Assembly session, the city advocated for state aid for construction projects at Rockville schools. This advocacy



Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and the council visited Julius West M.S. in April.

cacy will continue in the 2018 Maryland General Assembly session, which begins in January.

In April, the Mayor and Council toured improvements at Julius West Middle School that include new classrooms, faculty rooms, a gym, a cafeteria, recreation areas and safer vehicle and pedestrian access. Find a Rockville 11 report from that visit at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "Julius West."

Smith is scheduled to release his latest construction budget proposal on Monday, Oct. 23. The Mayor and Council will continue to advocate for projects at schools that serve Rockville students during budget hearings before the school board in November and before the Montgomery County Council in spring. ✚



Tricks for a Safe and Happy Halloween

Trick-or-treaters take to Rockville neighborhoods on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

There are no set hours for trick-or-treating. The Rockville City Police Department urges drivers to be aware of extra pedestrians in neighborhoods. Homeowners should clear yards and sidewalks of obstacles, keep homes well-lit inside and out, and report any suspicious activity to police. City police offer these additional tips:

- Kids should walk in groups and young children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Set a safe walking route and a time for children to be home.
- Costumes should be flame retardant and short enough to prevent trips and falls.
- Carry flashlights or glow sticks and affix reflective strips to costumes and bags.
- Remind children not to eat treats until they get home. Check all treats and throw out anything that is not factory-sealed.

Find Halloween events on page 6. ✚

Cruisin' the Classics: Rev Up for October's Antique and Classic Car Show

56th Show Offers Free, Family-Friendly Fun

Rockville's 56th annual Antique and Classic Car Show rolls into Rockville Civic Center Park from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14.

The free show – one of the oldest and the largest in the mid-Atlantic region – will feature more than 550 vehicles, a car-related flea market, a car sales area and a performance by The Hillbilly Gypsies. There will be a moon bounce at the rear of the park in the parking lot of Croydon Creek Nature Center, which will be open to visitors.

The hills of Rockville Civic Center Park, home to the historic Glenview Mansion at 603

Edmonston Drive, offer a picturesque fall setting for a stroll through a lineup of vehicles from 32 car clubs, from Packard to Plymouth to Ferrari.

The show is the premier non-judged motor vehicle show in the region, offering the chance to share memories of classic cars of yesteryear.

Find Rockville 11 video features from past car shows at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville and follow the Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show on Facebook.

Parking will be available at Rockville Civic Center Park, with overflow parking at Meadow Hall Elementary



Classic cars, a flea market, music and more highlight the show on Oct. 14.

School, 951 Twinbrook Parkway. A courtesy shuttle will run between the school and the show from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The rain date for this event is Saturday, Oct. 21. For inclement weather updates, please call 240-314-5022.

Car owners can register

their vehicle until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 11. After that, owners must register on the day of the event. To show or sell a car at the show, host a flea market booth, or learn more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/carshow, call 240-314-8620 or email special_events@rockvillemd.gov. ✚

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Rockville Reaches Agreement with County Over Stormwater Fee

Montgomery County and the City of Rockville recently signed an agreement that the county will begin to pay the stormwater management utility fee charged by Rockville, City Manager Rob DiSpirito announced at the Sept. 11 Mayor and Council meeting.

"This is wonderful news and a great example of the strong partnership between the City of Rockville, County Executive Leggett and the county government," DiSpirito said.

The county made the first payment in September and will continue to pay the fee annually in Fiscal Year 2019 and beyond.

The fee applies to impervious surfaces, such as rooftops, driveways and parking lots owned by the county and located in Rockville. It allows the city to comply with state and federal clean water requirements and helps fund maintenance of city stormwater conveyance and treatment systems. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/stormwater.

The agreement applies to county property, but not to schools or Montgomery College.

Tickets on Sale for Peerless Awards on Nov. 3

Peerless Rockville will bring old Hollywood to Rockville with an awards gala featuring food, music and special guest appearances. The event will be held from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3 at Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.

The 38th Annual Peerless Awards will honor Rockville's best architectural performances and producers of quality heritage and community projects. Peerless' awards program honors individuals, institutions, organizations and businesses that have made outstanding contributions to Rockville's heritage.

Tickets are \$50 for Peerless Rockville members, \$55 for nonmembers and are available at: www.peerlessrockville.org/2016-peerless-awards/tickets. The evening includes light hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and a silent auction. Peerless welcomes silent auction donations. For more, information call 301-762-0096.

Peerless Rockville is an award-winning, community-based nonprofit founded in 1974 to preserve buildings, objects, and information important to Rockville's heritage.



STRONG AND GROWING... Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and City Manager Rob DiSpirito discussed the state of the City of Rockville, and its economy, during a conversation hosted by the Rockville Chamber of Commerce on Sept. 13 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Newton highlighted the economic development incentive policy that the city is working on with the chamber and Rockville Economic Development, Inc. "Those are the things that we can do that say 'We are open, welcome, ready for business.' And that's what we want to be," she said. See more of the discussion at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "economy."

Ride On extRa Launches on MD 355 This Month Service Will Be Free in October

Ride On will launch a new, limited stop, higher-speed bus service on Route 355 beginning Oct. 2.

The new service, called Ride On extRa, will run every 10 minutes from 5:30-9:30

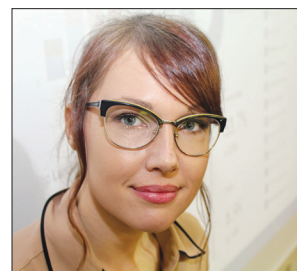
a.m. and 3:30-7:30 p.m., with 12 stops between the Medical Center Metro station in Bethesda and the Lakeforest Transit Center in Gaithersburg. New bus shelters and bus stop

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Meet a Rockville Employee:

Tatum Walker

Tatum Walker, Rockville's web and digital manager, has been on the job since June 5. In this edition of "Rockville Reports," we're introducing her to the community.



How would you broadly describe your job?

Improve the experience for everyone who connects with Rockville online, from the website, www.rockvillemd.gov, through email marketing or social media, and find new ways to connect.

Where were you before?

I was the associate director of digital strategy at Ford's Theatre and managed the implementation of digital offerings, ranging from redesigning the website to engaging students in a way that extended beyond their visit.

What would you like to achieve as Rockville's new web and digital manager?

Redesign our online presence and services to make it easier for our community to take part in, provide input on, and engage with, their local government. We want to connect with you, and we want to make that as easy as possible.

Anything else?

Yes! Shameless plug! Don't forget to follow Rockville's Instagram account – www.instagram.com/city_of_rockville. 🍷

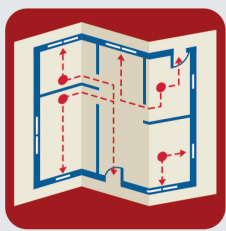
Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 8-14

How fast does fire move? Very fast. You could have less than two minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. For more information about escape planning, visit www.usfa.fema.gov and www.firepreventionsweek.org.

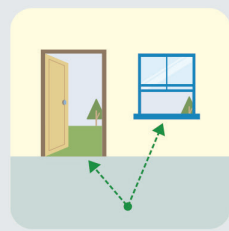
Seven Steps to Practicing your Escape Plan

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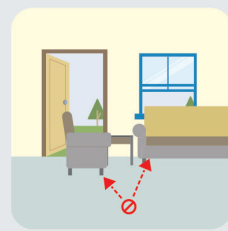
Draw a map of your home. Include all doors and windows.

2



Find two ways out of every room.

3



Make sure doors and windows are not blocked.

4



Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.

5



Push the test button to sound the smoke alarm.

6



Practice your drill with everyone in the home.

7



Get outside to your meeting place.



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WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING? Not only is October National Pizza Month, it also celebrates National Popcorn Poppin' Month, too — yum! More seriously, October recognizes LGBT History, all month long, as well as National Work and Family Month, National Bullying Prevention Month and National Arts and Humanities Month. And maybe brush your teeth, too, as October is National Dental Hygiene Month.

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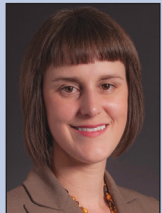
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Meetings: Monday, Oct. 2, 9, 16 at 7 p.m. Work Session: Monday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. No appointment necessary. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by Councilmember Mark Pierzchala on Oct. 9.

Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11. Meetings are also available via live streaming, and on demand the day after the meeting, at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Find the drop-in schedule at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil.
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and to those who are speaking on an agenda item.
- **Send an email** to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.

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Budget Brainstorming: City Offers Early Opportunities to Speak Out

Public Hearing to be Held and New Online Tool to Debut in October

The Mayor and Council are once again asking the community to help the city prioritize what matters most as it embarks on its Fiscal Year 2019 budget process.

BEGINNING OF THE BUDGET PROCESS

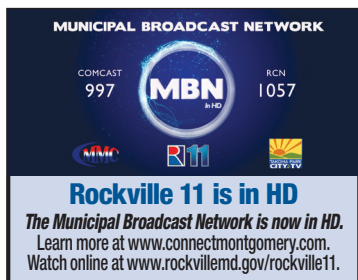
Public Hearings, 7 p.m.,
Monday, Oct. 16 and
Monday, Nov. 13 at City Hall.

Take the budget survey at
www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.

Public hearings are part of the Mayor and Council meetings on Monday, Oct. 16 and Monday, Nov. 13, and will give community members their first chance to weigh in as the city begins gathering input to develop the operating budget and Capital Improvements Program for FY 2019, which begins July 1. Anyone wishing to testify should call 240-314-8280 before 4 p.m. on the hearing date to have their names placed on the speakers' list.

The city will launch a new online tool on Tuesday, Oct. 17 that will allow the community to select their top budget priorities, offer suggestions for budget reductions and describe ideas for decreasing costs or improving operational efficiencies. During the budget process, staff will compile the online submissions and periodically submit them for the Mayor and Council's review and consideration.

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to adopt the FY 2019 budget in May. For more information and a link to submit ideas for the budget once it goes live on Oct. 17, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/budget or call the Finance Department at 240-314-8400. ✦



STAY INFORMED: The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting. Sign up at www.rockvillemd.gov/notifyme to receive an email or text message when a new agenda is posted.

Does Rockville Want a New Community Center?

Consultant to Assess Interest, Report to Mayor and Council

Areas of the Rockville community will soon be surveyed to determine if they support a new community recreation center.

The city has contracted Rockville-based consultant EurekaFacts LLC to assess the community's interest in a new center. The consultant will hold two community meetings at Ritchie Park and Fallsmead elementary schools, inviting surrounding neighborhoods to "explore general options, barriers, concerns and positive aspects regarding the planned community center," according to a proposal from EurekaFacts. The meeting at Ritchie Park will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 18, and at Fallsmead on Thursday, Oct. 19. Both meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

EurekaFacts will use those meetings to design, develop and administer a survey to assess support for a new community center and what amenities the center should have.

The location that is most closely being considered is

within Potomac Woods Park. The survey will be sent to households to the city's south, and west of Interstate 270.

Based on that feedback, the consultant will prepare a report for the Mayor and Council.

Funding for the consultant's study and public outreach was included in the Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Improvements Program budget, available to view at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget. The CIP is Rockville's five-year plan for capital investment.

There are three community recreation centers throughout Rockville: Lincoln Park Community Center, at 357 Frederick Ave.; Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, at 12920 Twinbrook Parkway; and Thomas Farm Community Center, at 700 Falls Grove Road.

For more on the study, contact Superintendent of Parks and Facilities Steve Mader at smader@rockvillemd.gov. Learn more about Rockville's centers and facilities at www.rockvillemd.gov/centers facilities. ✦

Rockville Pike Neighborhood Plan Zoning Text Amendment Moving Forward

Rockville's Mayor and Council have authorized zoning text and map amendments to implement some of the policies of the Rockville Pike Neighborhood Plan adopted in August 2016. A public hearing before the Mayor and Council is scheduled for Oct. 16, at City Hall.

The amendments include zon-

ing changes for some properties in the Rockville Pike corridor south of Town Center.

A staff report with the drafts will be available for public review at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter the week before the hearing. Information on the adopted plan is available at: www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillepike. ✦

Opportunity to Comment on Historic Resources Plan Update

Members of the public are invited to share their thoughts and ideas for updates to the 30-year-old Historic Resources Management Plan, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, at a meeting conducted by city staff and consultant firm JMT. The discussion will be held at City Hall.

The new plan will be a living document that can be updated as required, while incorporating a narrative describing periods of Rockville's development, lists of resources and methods of protection, and the implications for various stakeholders, such as the Mayor and Council,

the Planning Commission, the Historic District Commission, Peerless Rockville, historic property owners and the public.

The plan will include a comprehensive database of frequently updated historic resources and feature a 10-year action plan, with detailed priorities and implementation steps for historic preservation in the future.

For more information on the Historic Resources Management Plan update, contact preservation planner Sheila Bashiri at 240-314-8236, or sbashiri@rockvillemd.gov. ✦

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- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission. (Learn more below.) Find other ways to give your time and talents to your community at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

Boards and Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280, or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions. The webpage also includes schedules and cancellations, and contact information.

Note: Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

- **Oct. 3, Asian Pacific American Task Force** 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 4, Sign Review Board** 9 a.m.
- **Oct. 4, Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee** 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 5, Environment Commission** 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Development Review Committee** 9 a.m.
- **Oct. 7, Board of Appeals** 9 a.m.
- **Oct. 10, Human Services Advisory Commission** 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 11, Cultural Arts Commission** 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 11, 25 Planning Commission** 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 17, Rockville Seniors, Inc.** 1 p.m.
- **Oct. 18, Rockville Sister City Corporation** 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 19, Historic District Commission** 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 25, Rockville Housing Enterprises** 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 25, Human Rights Commission** 7:30 p.m.

*Televised on Rockville 11.

Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Board of Appeals (1 alter.)
- Board of Supervisors of Elections (1)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Recreation and Park Advisory Board (1)
- Senior Citizens Commission (1)
- Sign Review Board (1 alter.)
- Historic District Commission (2 regular/1 alter.)
- Caregiver Funding Task Force (9)



Celebrating Hispanic Heritage

Councilmember Virginia D. Onley (left) presents a proclamation to Jorge Restrepo, founder and president of Rockville-based EurekaFacts LLC, recognizing Sept. 15-Oct. 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month, as Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton (second from left) and Councilmember Julie Palakovich Carr (right) look on. "The City of Rockville is proud of the 14 percent of its population who are Hispanic in origin and we are committed to honoring Hispanic culture and continuing to build a strong, inclusive community," the proclamation stated. Find video of the presentation with the Sept. 18 Mayor and Council meeting listing at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

Fitness Professionals Wanted

Swim and Fitness Center to Hold Hiring Open House

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center is looking for fitness professionals to become part of their team.

The center offers a wide range of fitness classes year-round, catering to all kinds of different people at varying fitness levels, and is searching for candidates: in yoga, Pilates, karate, bootcamp, circuit training, Zumba, Ab Sculpt, power conditioning, functional training and shallow- and deep-water exercise.

The open house will be held 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 1, and interviews and demonstration classes will be conducted during the event. The center is located at 355 Martins Lane. Bring your resume.

Contact Paula Ocampo at pocampo@rockvillemd.gov with questions. Those who can't attend can apply at www.governmentjobs.com/careers/rockville.

Veterans and Military Members Wanted for City Ceremony

Rockville's Veterans Day ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 11, will include a member of the military as a featured speaker.

Rockville and Montgomery County residents who have retired from or currently serve in the United States military are eligible to take part in the ceremony.

Volunteer speakers must be comfortable speaking in public and must prepare a five- to seven-minute speech about their experiences in the armed forces, including what it means to serve and to honor those who have served.

Contact Amanda Knox at 240-314-8604 or aknox@rockvillemd.gov to participate or learn more.

Find video of past Veterans Day ceremonies at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CITY ON ROCKVILLE 11

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Connect with us on Social Media.



National Coffee with a Cop Day is Oct. 4.

Get to Know Rockville's Cops with a House Blend and an Open House

October offers two opportunities to get to know the men and women who protect and serve Rockville.

Call it joe, java or jitter juice, the Rockville City Police Department will answer the call and join community members for National Coffee with a Cop Day from 8-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 at Starbucks, 39 Maryland Ave., in Rockville Town Square. Purchases during the event will receive a 10 percent discount.

The department's mission includes a commitment to community policing. The Coffee with a Cop program seeks to build trust between neighbors and law enforcement by giving community members an opportunity to ask questions, discuss concerns and get to know their city police. Officers will be on hand for informal one-on-one chats with community members – no formal speeches, no agendas and no distractions.

Learn more about Coffee with a Cop at coffeewithacop.com. Find photos and



video of past Coffee with a Cop events at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "coffee."

Can't make it for coffee? Then visit the RCPD at home. The department will host an open house from noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 featuring station tours, vehicle and equipment displays, a K-9 demonstration, a moon bounce, face painting, a DJ, pumpkin decorating, food, information booths, a visit by McGruff the Crime Dog, and the opportunity to meet city police officers. The department will be celebrating five years in its home in the old post office building at 2 W. Montgomery Ave. Free parking will be available in the parking garage at 77 S. Washington St., adjacent to the police station, and just two blocks away at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

Learn more about the RCPD at www.rockvillemd.gov/police.

Ride On extRa Launches

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flag signs will identify Ride On extRa bus stops.

To encourage people to try it, the service will be free in October. Starting in November, commuters can ride for a regular Ride On fare, via a SmarTrip card, pass or cash.

Ride On extRa buses will operate 30-40 percent quicker than local buses due to the limited stops and the use of Transit Signal Priority, which

detects buses as they approach select intersections and holds signals green to allow buses to pass through. The buses will have Wi-Fi and USB charging outlets.

Stops serving Rockville will include the Shady Grove Metro station, Montgomery College, the Rockville Metro station, Edmonston Drive and Halpine Road.

Learn more at <http://rockvillereports.com/ride-on-extra-to-offer-options-on-md-355>.

Stonestreet Corridor Study Meeting will Focus on Potential Street Improvements

The next community meeting on the Stonestreet Corridor Study, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, will focus on potential street improvements on North Stonestreet Avenue and on Park Road near the Metro station, between its intersections with North Stonestreet and South Stonestreet avenues. The meeting will be held at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave. Community members are invited to attend.

City planning and transportation staff will present options for the community to consider.

This will be the third community meeting for the corridor study, which began

with a May 2 project kickoff. Community members met July 13 at a second meeting to focus on Montgomery County Public Schools sites located on North Stonestreet. Staff from MCPS discussed operations at those properties and took questions from the audience. Attendees discussed possible alternative land uses in that area, should MCPS relocate.

For meeting materials, as well as to sign up for email updates or submit comments, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/stonestreetstudy. For more information, contact project lead Andrea Gilles at agilles@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8273.



Twinbrook Water Main Replacements to Begin This Fall

Planning Included Tree Preservation

Water main replacements in Twinbrook in late October or early November will mean daytime construction and street tree removal.

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission will rehabilitate 3.77 miles of water mains and 0.18 miles of sewer mains in an area north of Veirs Mill Road between Linthicum Street and Twinbrook Parkway; on Tweed Street; between Marcia Lane and Twinbrook Parkway; and on Meadow Hall Drive. Many of the mains were installed in the 1950s and have reached the end of their useful life. Construction is expected to take two years to complete.

Steps were taken to preserve 97 mature street trees. Twenty-six trees that are either in poor condition or lo-

cated directly on top of the water line are scheduled to be removed. Homes where tree removal is scheduled received notices from WSSC in February. New tree planting sites have been selected to avoid future conflicts with underground and overhead utilities.

Signs will be posted before work begins to alert motorists to temporary lane closures and no parking zones. Household water service disruptions should be limited to a few hours during the day. Fire hydrants will remain operable at all times.

Learn more about WSSC's water main replacement process at www.wsscwater.com/wmr or contact WSSC project manager Tesfai Giorgis at 301-206-4267 or tesfai.giorgis@wsscwater.com.



WHAT WE'VE BEEN WATCHING ON YOUTUBE ... In September, Rockville 11 recapped the city's Back to School Jam and took you to the city's 9/11 ceremony and to a conversation about the state of Rockville's economy with the mayor and city manager. We also met finalists in the Maryland Women's Business Center's StartRight! competition and got a look at the city's Latino Youth Development Program as "Rock 11 Now Weekly" brought the city more Rockville news, more often. You can watch too, at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.



Volunteers cleaned the stream at Twinbrook Community Park for Montgomery County's Community Service Day on Oct. 22, 2016.

Community Service for Clean Streams

Rockville is seeking volunteers to help keep city streams trash-free with two stream cleanups in October.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, the Environment Commission will host a cleanup from 10:30 a.m.-noon at Maryvale Park, 812 First St. Environment Commission members will be at the park's gazebo to greet participants.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, volunteers will clean up the stream at Twinbrook Community Park from 9:30-11 a.m. City staff will greet volunteers at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. The cleanup is part of Montgomery County's Community Service Week.

Gloves and bags will be provided to participants at both cleanups. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Student Service Learning

hours are available for student volunteers. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information and to register, email environment@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8877.

Learn more about Montgomery County's Community Service Week at www.montgomeryserves.org/community-service-week-2017.

Rockville's Adopt-A-Stream program allows groups of volunteers to formally adopt a stream or participate in a one-time cleanup. Public cleanups are scheduled throughout the year, so check the calendar often. To find an interactive map showing streams within the City of Rockville and their adoption status, and to learn how to adopt a stream, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer and select "Environment." ❖

Cemetery Cleanup for Community Service Day

Peerless Rockville seeks volunteers to help clean up and beautify Haiti Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 28 as part of Montgomery County's Community Service Day.

The cleanup begins at 10 a.m. at the historic cemetery at 205 Martins Lane.

Peerless members, and volunteers from the Montgomery County Police Department and Haiti community will participate. This event has been pre-approved for service learning hours for Montgomery County students. Children under 12 may volunteer if accompanied by a parent or guardian. Volunteers should dress for the weather and bring gloves, rakes, clippers and other yard tools. Volunteers will work to beautify the property, protect

the graves and gravestones, and remove overgrowth, branches, leaves and other debris. Individuals with trucks to haul debris are especially appreciated.

Haiti Cemetery was one of the earliest burial grounds in Rockville. It opened in the 1880s and became the resting place for members of the African-American community on Martins Lane. Many of the families now living on Martins Lane are direct descendants of the people buried there. The cemetery was designated a local historic district in 2002.

Register by calling Peerless Rockville at 301-762-0096 or visiting <http://bit.ly/CemeteryCleanup2017>. ❖

October is the Time to Take Action on Energy Conservation

The Energy Exploration Experience Returns to Rockville for Energy Action Month

October is Energy Action Month, which offers events and resources for learning how to conserve energy and save money in your home or office.

Energy Exploration: Montgomery County presents Energy Exploration, an interactive energy exploration experience, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 at Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Drive. Bring the family to play hands-on arcade games and learn about saving energy and money in your home, using renewable energy and preventing air pollution. Bring a copy of your utility bill and be entered to win a sustainability kit that includes LED lightbulbs, seed packets and more. Learn more at www.mygreenmontgomery.org/explore.

Incentives: Pepco provides incentives for certain appliances, heating and air conditioning tune-ups and upgrades, lighting and more. If you don't know where to start, the Quick Home Energy Check-up program is a fast, easy way to reduce energy use in your home and save money. A trained energy analyst will assess your home's

energy use, recommend energy-saving improvements and install energy-saving products. For a more comprehensive home energy evaluation, the Home Performance with Energy Star program can help identify energy cost savings, increase the comfort of your home and recommend energy efficient home improvements and rebates. For program details, visit <http://bit.ly/PepcoIncentives>.

Washington Gas offers rebates for certain gas furnaces, water heaters and programmable thermostats. For eligibility requirements, visit www.washingtongas.com/home-owners/savings/rebates.

More Tips and Resources: Find more resources for home and business owners, renters and others at www.rockvillemd.gov/energyefficiency. Learn more about Energy Action Month events and tips in Montgomery County at <https://mygreenmontgomery.org/2017/energy-action-month/>. For ways to conserve energy at home, at the office and at other facilities visit <http://energy.gov/eere/femp/energy-action-month>. ❖

Here Comes the Sun (and Energy Savings)

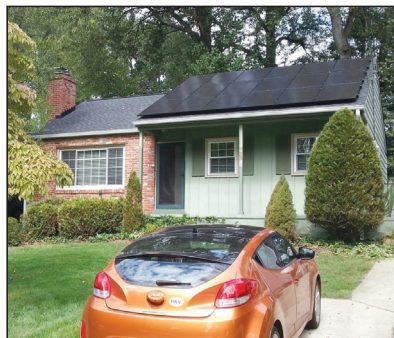
Building on the success of the previous two years, the Rockville Environment Commission is excited to partner with nonprofit MD SUN on the launch of a third solar co-op.

A free information session at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., will discuss the basics of solar technology, economics and incentives, and the solar co-op process.

Participation in solar co-ops helped 63 Rockville homeowners in 2015, and 88 homeowners in 2016, go solar. Homeowners who join the co-op find going solar easier.

Participants receive technical assistance and guidance throughout the process so they can feel confident about their investment.

While each participant signs an independent contract



with the installer for their own system, banding together to negotiate a volume discount reduces the total cost of installation. The co-op may offer free solar educational workshops, free preliminary site assessments to determine whether a home is suitable for solar, competitively selected contractors with set prices and a limited time offer to get the best deal on solar.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/solarhomes. ❖

Age-in-place Villages Catching on in Rockville

The concept of villages, which allow older individuals to age in place in their own homes, is catching on in Rockville.

Villages are local, volunteer-led, grassroots organizations that aim to support Rockville neighbors who choose to age in place. They foster social connections through activities and events, and coordinate volunteer help at home using a neighbor-helping-neighbor model.

Each village is unique and reflects the character, interests and needs of the community that creates it.

In Rockville, villages in Twinbrook, King Farm, East Rockville and the West End are in development.

For more information and to learn how to start a village discussion in your neighborhood, contact Trish Evans, village facilitator, at 240-314-8807 or pevans@rockvillemd.gov. To reach a village movement in Rockville by email, contact:

- Twinbrook, twinbrookvillage@gmail.com.
- King Farm, KFNVinfo@gmail.com.
- East Rockville, villages.erca@gmail.com.
- West End, nonny62@verizon.net.

See the calendar on page 7 for village seminars, Oct. 11-12.

Drive Up and Drop Off Unwanted Prescription Drugs

The Rockville City Police Department and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office offer a safe, free and anonymous way to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs on National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, Saturday, Oct. 28.

In cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Administration, leftover — including expired — prescription drugs will be accepted from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Rockville City Police Station parking lot at 2 W. Montgomery Ave. To make it quick and convenient, officers will be outside with easy drive-up and drop-off access, so there is no need to leave your vehicle.

Illicit drugs, liquids, needles, sharps or syringes cannot be accepted, only pills or patches. The DEA will destroy medications. National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a convenient and responsible means of disposal, keeping prescription drugs from potentially polluting our drinking water, while educating the public about the potential for abuse or theft of these medications.

Learn more at www.dea.gov, or call Cpl. Ken Matney at 240-314-8922.

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Learn more about how you can help a young person. Contact Kate Bouwkamp at 240-314-8317 or kbouwkamp@rockvillemd.gov.

www.rockvillemd.gov/mentoring



CITY HALL IN YOUR 'HOOD!: There aren't too many doctors who make house calls anymore. But Rockville's Mayor and Council and city staff will bring City Hall to your community with a walking town meeting. Walking town meetings offer a casual environment for city leaders and staff to meet community members where they live and see and discuss firsthand the issues facing a neighborhood. See what it's all about in a Rockville 11 video and learn how to bring a walking town meeting to your community at www.rockvillemd.gov/walkingtownmeeting.

Register for Winter Youth Sports Leagues

Winter sports league registration is open and includes basketball and wrestling for kids. For youth basketball leagues, register by the early bird deadline through Oct. 26 and save \$5. The registration deadline for all winter youth sports is Thursday, Nov. 2.

Teams in winter youth basketball leagues practice once a week in the evening beginning the week of Dec. 4. Coaches will contact players about practice times/locations towards the end of November.

- Games for Mighty Mites Basketball (kindergarten through third grade) are on Saturdays, Jan. 6 to Feb. 10, between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Boys basketball (ages 9-18) holds games on Saturdays or Sundays, Jan. 6 to March 11, between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Girls basketball (ages 9-18) holds games between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturdays from Jan. 6 to March 10.

The youth wrestling team practices on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Wootton High School, beginning Nov. 14 and 16.

For registration and league information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports or call 240-314-8620.

History Comes Alive with Peerless Tour and Talk

Characters from Rockville's past come to life this month in a nighttime tour of the city's oldest cemetery and a discussion of slavery and the Underground Railroad in Rockville.

Tours of historic Rockville Cemetery, presented by Peerless Rockville and the Rockville Cemetery Association, depart at 7 and 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7. The tours will feature costumed actors portraying Rockville-area residents from the 1790s to the 1910s. Cost is \$15 for Peerless members; \$20 for nonmembers. To register, call 301-762-0096 or visit <https://goo.gl/ozMUoY>.

Peerless presents "In Their Steps," which will examine the life and times of Josiah Henson, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25 at Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave., in Rockville Town Square. Henson, a Rockville native and the inspiration for the title character in "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Tony Cohen, of the Menare Foundation, will present an illustrated history of the city's stops on the Underground Railroad. Learn about Henson's life, and those of other local freedom fighters, such as Ann Maria Weems, who fled slavery in Rockville disguised as a boy. Hear the story of two sisters from a prominent Rockville family who were divided on the issue of slavery and exemplified the divisions that ignited the Civil War. Admission is free.

Neighbor Award and Neighborhood Grant Deadlines in October

October brings deadlines for two city programs aimed at fostering neighborliness in Rockville communities.

Good Neighbor Awards recognize Rockville residents who are making exceptional contributions to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods through good deeds or community service. Nominations should be submitted by close of business on Friday, Oct. 13. For nomination forms, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/goodneighbor.

Rockville's Organizing Communities and Neighborhoods (ROC-N) Matching Grant Program awards neighborhood associations up to \$1,000 in a matching grant for projects promoting community involvement. Applications are available at www.rockvillemd.gov/ROC-NGrant and are being accepted through Thursday, Oct. 19.

For more information about either program, visit <http://rockvillereports.com/neighbor-award-and-neighborhood-grant-deadlines-in-october> or contact Hjarman Cordero at 240-314-8344 or hcordero@rockvillemd.gov.

Get Your Ghoul On with Rockville's Halloween Events

Rockville has packed October full of family-friendly, Halloween-themed fun. Sign up for events using course numbers, where indicated, at www.rockvillemd.gov/life.

Haunted Gingerbread House Workshop: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive.

Build your own gingerbread house for Halloween. Learn the tricks of the trade and get creative. Fee includes a gingerbread house and all the decorating supplies. Working conditions include plenty of cookies and drinks. \$50 for residents; \$55 for non-residents. Register for course #1020.

Pumpkin Carving and Trick or Treat Bag Decorating: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave.

Carve your pumpkin and/or decorate a small Halloween bag for the big night.

\$25 per family up to four people. Cost includes one small pumpkin, carving supplies, cookies and punch. \$15 per Halloween bag. Cost includes bag, decorating supplies, cookies and punch.

"Dracula": 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive.

Under the direction of Eleanor Simpson, the Rockville Civic Ballet presents this classic, just in time for Halloween.

\$17, adults; \$13, children (12 and younger) and seniors (60 and older). Box office: 240-314-8690.

Croydon Creep: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road.

Celebrate Halloween early with a spooky nature hike, magic show and hands-on activities. \$5 per child at the



door. Adults and children younger than 2 are free. Children must be accompanied by adults. No advanced registration required.

Monster Mash Family Halloween Dance: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

Be there in costume for pumpkin decorating, Halloween crafts and to dance the night away. Refreshments for sale from Twinbrook Elementary PTA. \$4 per person at the door.

Halloween Haunt: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, Thomas Farm Community Center.

Wear your costume for an afternoon of Halloween fun with strolling magician and magic show, D's Magic, Squeals on Wheels petting zoo, kid-friendly haunted house, pumpkin painting, scarecrow making, crafts, games and more.

\$4 per person at the door. Children ages 1 and younger are free.

Tiny Tot Halloween Spooktacular: 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, Thomas Farm Community Center.

This special event is designed just for tiny children and their parents. Come in costume and enjoy a morning of crafts, games, refreshments and Halloween fun. \$3 for residents; \$4 for nonresidents. Register for course #1124.

Trick or Treat: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, Lincoln Park Community Center.

Stop by while you're out trick or treating for candy and a cup of hot chocolate. Free. ❖

A Holiday Classic, Looking to the Sky and a Folk Gathering at the F. Scott Theater

Rockville Musical Theater presents the holiday classic "White Christmas," based on the beloved, timeless film beginning in October at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive. Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. Directed and choreographed by Duane Monahan. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 27, 28 and Nov. 3, 4, 10 and 11; 2 p.m., Sundays, Nov. 5 and 12. Tickets: \$22;

\$20, seniors (62 and older)/students.

Rockville Concert Band presents "To the Sky!," music that describes all things above our heads, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8. No tickets required, but a \$5 donation is suggested. Conducted by Music Director John A. Saint Amour.

The World Folk Music Association presents "Remembering Oscar Brand." Folk music stars from across the country gather to celebrate the life of the legendary singer-songwriter and long-time radio host.

A concert will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, with a reception to follow. Tickets: premium, \$84; standard, \$53. Reception tickets are \$38. ❖

Pastel Competition and 'Séraphine' — This Month at the Gallery

Desmond O'Hagan, a master pastelist with the Pastel Society of America and a member of the "Master's Circle" of the International Association of Pastel Societies, will be juror and judge of the Biennial National Exhibit, presented by the **Maryland Pastel Society** at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, beginning Sunday, Oct. 15. Guitarist and balladeer **Guy Robert Jean's** romantic tunes, sung in French, Spanish, Creole and English, will accompany the exhibition's opening reception, from

1:30-3:30 p.m. The show runs through Nov. 15. Jean will play from 2-3 p.m.

From Cleaning to Canvases

Wine and Film in the Conservatory will screen "Séraphine," 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10. The French/Belgian film, with English subtitles, tells the story of a simple cleaning lady, drawn to the beauty of nature, who starts painting brilliantly colorful canvases at the age of 41. Free to attend, the cash bar is open to ages 21 and older. ❖



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October	FACILITIES LEGEND:					
	CC Croydon Creek Nature Ctr., 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.	GM Glenview Mansion 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.	LP Lincoln Park Community Ctr., 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.	CH Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.	SF Rockville Swim and Fitness Ctr., 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.	TF Thomas Farm Community Ctr., 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.
	FSF F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8690.		SR Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.		TC Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Ctr., 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.	

1 Webelos Adventure Program: Into The Woods. Naturalists help you complete the necessary requirements for this adventure. All materials provided, however, pins are not supplied by the nature center. Rain or shine. Contact Melinda Norton (mnorton@rockville.md.gov) to register. 2-4 p.m. **CC**

1 Rockville Little Theatre presents "Almost, Maine." In a mythical New England town, love is in the winter air, coming and going in strange, unexpected and hilarious ways as people fall in and out of love. By John Cariani; directed by Kathryn Hegwood. Tickets: adults, \$22; seniors (62-plus) and students, \$20, available at fscottfitzgerald.showare.com. 2 p.m. **FSF**

15 Art Exhibit — Free Opening Reception and Concert. The Maryland Pastel Society hosts the National Juried Exhibit. Guitarist Guy Robert Jean sings ballads in French, Spanish, Creole and English. See article on page 6. 1:30-3:30 p.m. **GM**

15 World of Montgomery. See ad on page 2. www.worldofmontgomery.com

22 Outdoor Science Club: Mushrooms, Moss and Lichens. Young scientists investigate a variety of science topics through hands-on activities and time spent exploring the forest preserve. For ages 6-8 years. Spaces limited. Advanced registration recommended with course #1154. 1:30-3 p.m. **CC**

29 World Folk Music Association presents "Remembering Oscar Brand." Folk music stars from across the country gather to celebrate the life of legendary singer-songwriter and longtime radio host, Oscar Brand. Tickets: premium, \$84; standard \$53, available at fscottfitzgerald.showare.com. **FSF**

2,9,16,30 Mayor and Council meeting. 7 p.m. **CH**

2,16 Alzheimer's and Related Dementia Care Partners Support Group. A social gathering for people with memory loss and their care companions to come together in a safe, supportive environment. Call Pamela: 240-499-9024. Noon-1 p.m. **SR**

3 Historic Resources Management Plan Update. Meeting to talk about updating the 30-year old HRMP. Contact Preservation Planner Sheila Bashiri at 240-314-8236 or sbashiri@rockvillemd.gov. 7 p.m. **CH**

10 Wine and Film in the Mansion Conservatory. The sleeper hit, "S raphine," the true story of a housekeeper turned celebrated artist. Free to attend. Cash bar. Ages 21 and older. 7-9 p.m. **GM**

10 Villages 101. Learn the basics of the village concept in a lively discussion with Rockville village facilitator Trish Evans and an experienced village leader. Ask about starting a village in your neighborhood; get resources to support it. 1-2:30 p.m. Register with course #1591. Also from 1-2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 11 (course #1592), and 3-4:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 12 (course #1879). **SR**

17 Flu Shot Clinic. Bring Medicare (Part B) and insurance cards. No cost to individuals with Medicare as their primary insurance. Without insurance, \$30, regular dose; \$36, high dose. Open to all. 10-1 p.m. **SR**

17 Getting Paid to Talk. Have you ever been told you have a great voice? Explore the numerous aspects of voice-over work. Register with course #1211. \$25 for residents; \$35, non-residents. 6:30-9 p.m. **SR**

31 Tiny Tot Halloween Spooktacular. Just for tiny children and their parents. Wear your costume and enjoy a morning of crafts, games, refreshments and Halloween fun. See article on page 6. 10-11:30 a.m. **TF**

Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find the current recreation guide at www.rockvillemd.gov/guide. Sign up and search for courses, programs, classes and more at www.rockvillemd.gov/register. Enter the course number listed on the calendar entry to see more details and register.

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4 Coffee with a Cop. 8-9:30 a.m., Starbucks, Rockville Town Center, corner of East Middle Lane and Maryland Avenue. See article on page 4.

25 "In Their Steps." Presented by Peerless Rockville. 7 p.m. See article on page 6. Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave., in Rockville Town Square.

5 Little Acorns: Reptiles. Explore nature with your little ones through a variety of play-based activities. Time spent outdoors, weather permitting. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. Advanced registration recommended with course #1186. For ages 18-36 months. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

12 Glenview Mansion and Peerless Rockville Speaker Series. "From Farmland to Community." Architect and planner John Carter talks about the development of King Farm, Thomas Farm, Hurley Carter Farm and Anderson Farm as they transitioned into residential Rockville communities. Free to attend. Register at 301-762-0096 or <https://goo.gl/FK1itj>. 7-8:30 p.m. **GM**

19 Little Acorns: Under Our Feet. Explore nature with your little ones through a variety of play-based activities. Time spent outdoors, weather permitting. Adult participation required. Spaces are limited. Advanced registration recommended with course #1188. For ages 18-36 months. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

13 Wine and Improv. Dive into the world of improv theater. Enjoy a glass or two of wine and an evening of laughs. Must be 21 or older. Tickets: \$35 per person; \$60 per couple (must be purchased in advance), available at fscottfitzgerald.showare.com. 7-9:30 p.m. **GM**

20 Croydon Creep. Celebrate Halloween early. Enjoy a spooky nature hike, magic show by D's Magic, games and hands-on activities. No advanced registration required. Rain or shine. Cost is \$5 per child at the door. Adults and children younger than 2 are free. 6-8 p.m. **CC**

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7 Rockville Cemetery Ghost Tours See local historical characters come to life in a nighttime tour. \$15 MEM/\$20 NM. Register at 301-762-0096 or <https://goo.gl/ozMUoY>. See article on page 6. Tours depart at 7 and 8:15 p.m. 1350 Baltimore Road.

7 Rocktoberfest. Free. See article on page 1. Noon-6 p.m. Rockville Town Square.

14 Croydon Creek Campfire: Fall Night Hike. Enjoy a naturalist-led hike and s'mores by the campfire. For ages 5 and older. Must register: course #1202. 7-8 p.m. **CC**

14 Rockville City Police Open House. See article on page 4.

14 Maryvale Stream Cleanup. See article on page 5.

14 Rockville Antique & Classic Car Show. See article on page 1.

14 Gingerbread Haunted House Workshop. See article page 6. **TF**

14,15 Rockville Civic Ballet presents "Dracula." 7:30 p.m. (Performed again at 2 p.m. on Oct. 15.) Tickets: \$17; \$13, seniors (60 and older) and children 12 and younger, available at fscottfitzgerald.showare.com. **FSF**

14,21,28 Rockville Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Corner of Rt. 28 and Monroe St. in the jury parking lot.

21 F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival. See article on page 8.

28 Twinbrook Stream Cleanup — Community Service Day. Keep Twinbrook Park stream trash-free. SSL hours available. See article on page 5. To register, email environment@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8877. 9:30-11 a.m. **TC**

28 Haiti Cemetery Cleanup. See article on page 5.

28 Nature Tots: Forest Adventure. Time spent outdoors, weather permitting. Register: course #1045. For ages 2-5 years. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

28 Halloween Haunt. See article page 6. **TF**

Volunteers to Meet Nonprofits at Annual Salute Nov. 4

Community-minded Rockville residents looking for a place to lend a helping hand can be matched with local nonprofits and other agencies in need at the city's Salute to Nonprofits.

The 12th annual salute will be held from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Rockville Farmers Market, in the jury parking lot at Route 28 and Monroe Street.

The event matches would-be volunteers — whether they're students earning service learning hours or kind-hearted seniors looking to dedicate their time — with a place to help. In past years, the Salute to Nonprofits has featured a wide scope of agencies that work with children and families, the elderly, food banks, libraries, community clinics, animal shelters, local music, arts, and science and robotics.

Nonprofits interested in participating should call the city's Community Services Division at 240-314-8310.

The Salute to Nonprofits is presented by the City of Rockville and the Rockville Human Services Advisory Commission. Find more information on volunteering at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

November Deadline to Nominate a Neighbor for a Human Rights Award

The city's Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for two awards to be presented at Rockville's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on Monday, Jan. 15.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award will be presented to a student at a Rockville high school who has worked to fulfill King's dream in either their school or the community.

The F. Michael Taff Award will be presented to an individual, organization or business that has helped to improve the lives of people with disabilities, such as through efforts to improve accessibility or raise public awareness. It is named in honor of the late F. Michael Taff, a dedicated human rights activist and former chair of the Human Rights Commission.

Find and submit nomination forms at www.rockvillemd.gov/mlk. The submission deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 15.

For more information, contact Janet Kelly at 240-314-8316 or jkelly@rockvillemd.gov. For information about accessibility, call the city's Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator at 240-314-8108.

Still Time to Comment on Allowing Breweries and Distilleries in Rockville

The Mayor and Council are giving the community more time to review and comment on a zoning amendment that would allow breweries and distilleries to operate in Rockville.

The public comment period is open, and the Mayor and Council will hold an Oct. 16 public hearing on the amendment. This meeting follows a Sept. 11 public hearing at which the Mayor and Council directed staff to extend the comment period. The amendment, if approved, would allow full production of alcoholic beverages in light and heavy industrial zones, and in the mixed-use employment zone. Limited production, such as micro-breweries and micro-distilleries, could also take place in mixed-use business, mixed-use transit district, mixed-use corridor district and mixed-use employment district zones.

Find maps of where limited and full production would be allowed at http://bit.ly/zoning_amendment.



Questions, Concerns or Ideas?

Reach out to Rockville City Manager Rob DiSpirito at rdspirito@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8102.



On Your Marks for the Rockville 10K/5K

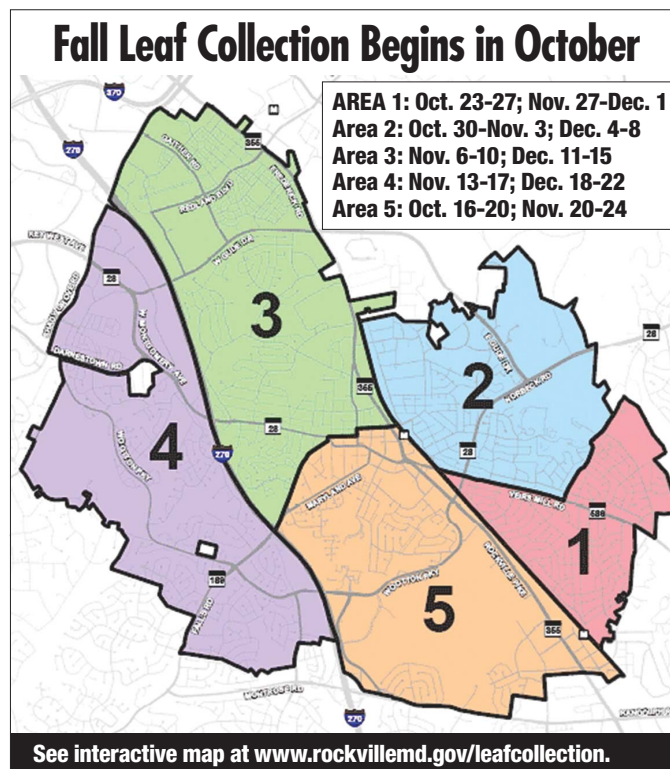
The 42nd annual, oldest-continuing foot race in Montgomery County is ready, set and go for 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 5.

The Rockville 10K/5K Race begins and ends at King Farm Village Center. Runners can choose from a 5- or 10-kilometer race. The 10K starts at 8:30 a.m., the 5K at 8:45 a.m. Children can take part in the Kids 1-Mile Fun Run, which begins at 8:15 a.m. The course runs a scenic route along Redland Boulevard (west of

Grand Champion Drive), Gaither Road, Piccard Drive and West Gude Drive.

Race fees for the 5K and 10K are \$35 online or by mail through Thursday, Nov. 2; \$45 at packet pickup on Saturday, Nov. 4 and walk-up on race day. The Kids 1-Mile Fun Run costs \$12 per child. Participants can register online through Thursday, Nov. 2.

For more information and registration, visit www.rockville10k5k.com.



Rockville will vacuum leaves from neighborhood curbs in two rounds, beginning Monday, Oct. 16. Rake leaves next to, but out of, the roadway and bike lanes, and away from parked vehicles. Leaves should be raked by 6 a.m. on the first day of their collection period, but no earlier than one week before the collection dates to avoid grass damage or fire hazards. Remove sticks and other ob-

jects from leaf piles. Avoid parking near leaf piles or other vehicles.

After the collection period ends, use biodegradable paper lawn bags or 32-gallon trash cans (without plastic garbage bags) to set leaves out on your refuse and recycling collection day. Use alternative methods such as mulching or composting. Do not dump leaves, grass clippings or other yard waste into storm drains or streams.

Annie Proulx to Be Honored at Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival, which this year will honor Annie Proulx, author of "Postcards," "The Shipping News" and the short story "Brokeback Mountain," invites writers to submit entries for the festival's short story contest.

A festival highlight will be the presentation to Proulx of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Literature. The award has been presented to some of America's most distinguished writers, including Norman Mailer, Pat Conroy, John Updike, Joyce Carol Oates and Garrison Keillor.

The festival's activities include writing workshops designed for emerging and established fiction and non-fiction writers, a conversation between Proulx and "Washington Post" book critic Michael Dirda, and a



Annie Proulx

film screening of "Brokeback Mountain," which is based on a short story by Proulx, who will answer questions after the screening. The festival is for writers and book lovers who are not themselves writers.

Festival sponsors include the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, Inc.; the City of Rockville; and the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County.

Learn more about the contest and festival at www.fscottfestival.org or by calling 301-309-9461.



TURFTIME... The Parks Department collaborated with the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Jerad Minnick, of Natural Grass Advisory, and the Rockville Football League to convert Mattie J. T. Stepanek Park's ballfields to state-of-the-art Bermuda grass. Donations of \$8,000 from the foundation and \$4,000 from RFL, coupled with in-kind consulting from Minnick, resulted in a cost-effective way to improve the fields for high-traffic play. Rockville-based Natural Grass Advisory consults on major ballfields throughout the country. The Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds to support city recreation and parks programs and facilities. Left to right: Ned Ahnell, president of RFL; Derrick Pierson, of the Rec. and Parks Dept.; Rockville Recreation and Parks Director Tim Chesnutt; Chip Boylan, president of the Recreation and Parks foundation; Jason Bible, of the Rec. and Parks Dept.; and Minnick.



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BACK IN THE DAY: The shovel turned, and so it was that ground was broken for the Lincoln Park Community Gymnasium, an addition to the Lincoln Park Community Center at 357 Frederick Ave. On the front of the Sept. 20, 1978, "City of Rockville Newsletter," Mayor William E. Hanna, clad in an extraordinarily plaid jacket, bellbottoms and white loafers, is helped in throwing a shovelful of dirt by resident David Cooper. Completion was scheduled for December 1978.